

Notice of Rulemaking Hearing

Tennessee Department of Health
Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation
Division of Emergency Medical Services

Chapter 1200-12-1

There will be a hearing before the Division of Emergency Medical Services to consider the promulgation of amendments of rules pursuant to T.C.A. §§68-140-504, 68-140-508, 68-140-509, 68-140-517, and 68-140-518. The hearing will be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-204 and will take place in the Magnolia Room of the Cordell Hull Building, Ground Floor, located at 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee at 10:00 a.m., Central Standard Time, on the 5th day of December, 2003.

Any individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings or review these filings should contact the Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Such initial contact may be made no less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date or the date the party plans to review such filings, to allow time for the Division of Emergency Medical Services to determine how it may reasonably provide such aid or service. Initial contact may be made with the department's ADA coordinator at the Andrew Johnson Tower, 11th Floor, 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243-0675, 615-741-6350.

For a copy of the entire text of the notice of rulemaking, contact Joseph B. Phillips, Director, Division of Emergency Medical Services, Cordell Hull Building, First Floor, 425 Fifth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37247-0701, 615-741-2584.

Substance of Proposed Rules

Amendments

Rule 1200-12-1-.04 Emergency Medical Technician, subparagraph (1)(f) Emergency Medical Technician Licensure Requirements is amended by deleting the subparagraph in its entirety and replacing it with the following language, so that as amended, the new subparagraph shall read:

- (f) Must successfully complete an approved basic Emergency Medical Technician course including all examinations within two (2) years of completion of training.
 - 1. Written Examination
 - (i) Achieve a passing score on any EMS Board-approved examination.
 - (ii) Applicants who fail to pass the examination shall be eligible to reapply for examination.
 - 2. Practical Examination
 - (i) All applicants must successfully complete an EMS Board approved practical examination.
 - (ii) Applicants who fail to pass the practical examination shall be eligible to reapply for examination.

Paragraphs (2) and (4) of rule 1200-12-1-.04 Emergency Medical Technician are amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting instead the following language and renumbering the subparagraphs accordingly, so that as amended, the new paragraphs shall read:

- (2) EMT Paramedic Technical Certificate Requirements
 - (a) Must meet all the Emergency Medical Technician licensure requirements in paragraph (1).
 - (b) Effective July 1, 2005 any individual applying for initial EMT-P licensure must successfully complete an EMT Paramedic Technical Certificate program accredited or recognized by the Division of Emergency Medical Services of the Tennessee Department of Health.
 - (c) Must successfully complete an EMS Board approved Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic Technical Certificate Program, including completion of all examinations within two (2) years of completion of training.
 - 1. Written Examination
 - (i) Achieve a passing score on any EMS Board approved examination.
 - (ii) Applicants who fail to pass the examination shall be eligible to reapply for examination.
 - 2. Practical Examination
 - (i) An EMS Board approved practical examination must be successfully completed by all applicants.
 - (ii) Applicants who fail to pass the practical examination shall be eligible to reapply for examination.
 - (e) Must submit an Application for Licensure form as provided by the Division of Emergency Medical Services.
 - (f) Must remit the appropriate licensure and application fees, if applicable, as determined under rule 1200-12-1-.06.
- (4) License Classification for the Emergency Medical Technician. Upon remitting the license fee, if applicable, and approval of the appropriate application, individuals completing license procedures will be licensed in a category representative of the experience and additional qualifications recognized by the Division of Emergency Medical Services.
 - (a) Emergency Medical Technician: a person who has successfully completed the EMT training course and who has qualified by examinations to perform pre-hospital emergency patient care. Upon demonstration of additional training and successful completion of qualifying examinations, the EMT may initiate and administer intravenous fluid therapy, and other procedure(s) approved by the EMS Board as listed in paragraph (3), upon the order of a physician or authorized registered nurse.
 - (b) Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Technical Certificate: a person who has successfully completed an accredited technical certificate program in

Tennessee for Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics or comparable training and education in another state, and received endorsement from the training institution; who has successfully completed written and practical qualifying examinations; and who is licensed to practice advanced emergency medical care upon the order or under the supervision of a physician or authorized registered nurse.

- (c) Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Critical Care: a person who is licensed as a Tennessee Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic and holds, at a minimum, an associate's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and has successfully completed a critical care paramedic course recognized by the Division of Emergency Medical Services of the Tennessee Department of Health or comparable training and education in another state, and received endorsement from the training institution; and who is licensed to practice advanced emergency medical care upon the order or under the supervision of a physician or authorized registered nurse.
- (d) Licensures in categories previously established by the EMS Board shall continue in effect until expiration or renewal within the categories established above.

Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (7) of rule 1200-12-1-.04 Emergency Medical Technician are amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting instead the following language and renumbering the subparagraphs accordingly, so that as amended the new subparagraphs shall read:

(7) Reinstatement of a lapsed license

(a) Emergency Medical Technician

1. When the license has lapsed for one (1) year or less, an individual may reinstate the license by meeting and completing all applicable license and license renewal standards, successfully completing the EMS Board approved written examination and submitting all applicable fees.
2. When the license has lapsed for more than one (1) year, but less than two (2) years an individual may reinstate the license by successfully completing any EMS Board approved written and practical examination and submitting all applicable fees.
3. When the license has lapsed for two (2) years or more, an individual must complete the EMT course in its entirety and comply with license requirements in effect under paragraph (1).

(b) The EMT-Paramedic

1. When the license has lapsed for one (1) year or less, an individual may reinstate the license by meeting and completing all applicable license and license renewal standards, successfully completing the EMS Board approved written examination.
2. When the license has lapsed for more than one (1) year, but less than two (2) years an individual may reinstate the license by successfully completing any EMS Board approved written and practical examination and submitting all applicable fees.

3. When the license has lapsed for two (2) years or more, an individual must complete the EMT-Paramedic course in its entirety and comply with license requirements.

Paragraphs (8) and (9) of rule 1200-12-1-.04 Emergency Medical Technician are amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, adding a new paragraph (9) and renumbering the existing paragraph (9) accordingly as paragraph (10), so that as amended, the new paragraphs shall read:

- (8) Out-of-state requirements for License. Any EMT or EMT-Paramedic who holds current certification/license from another state and who has successfully completed an approved U.S. Department of Transportation EMT or EMT-Paramedic course may apply for Tennessee EMT or EMT-Paramedic license by complying with the following:
 - (a) conform to all license requirements for Tennessee Emergency Medical Technicians or EMT-Paramedics; and
 - (b) submit appropriate documentation of extended skills training conducted by an authorized instructor of a Tennessee Accredited EMS Training Institutions; and
 - (c) successful completion of any EMS Board approved written and practical examinations.
 - (d) submit the appropriate application forms and fees, if applicable, to the Division of Emergency Medical Services.
- (9) Out-of-state requirements for License. Any EMT or EMT-Paramedic who has successfully completed an approved U.S. Department of Transportation EMT Basic or EMT Paramedic course while employed with the federal government and holds current certification from National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians for the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic or Emergency Medical Technician– Paramedic may apply for Tennessee EMT or EMT-Paramedic license by complying with the following:
 - (a) conform to all license requirements for Tennessee Emergency Medical Technicians or EMT-Paramedics; and
 - (b) submit appropriate documentation of extended skills training conducted by an authorized instructor of a Tennessee Accredited EMS Training Institution; and
 - (c) submit the appropriate application forms and fees, if applicable, to the Division of Emergency Medical Services.
- (10) Personnel licensed by the Department, upon a change of name or address shall notify the Division of Emergency Medical Services in writing within thirty (30) days of such change. Notifications for renewal or disciplinary action shall be posted to the address listed on file with the Division and, unless returned by the post office, shall constitute effective notice for renewal or action upon license status. Return by the post office shall be interpreted as a willful violation for failure to retain a current address on file.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-140-504, 68-140-508, 68-140-509, and 68-140-518.

Subparagraph (a) of paragraph (4) of rule 1200-12-1-.06 Schedule of Fees is amended by adding a new part 4 establishing a license fee for Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic Critical Care, so that as amended, the new subparagraph shall read:

- (4) Emergency Medical Services Personnel Fees – Personnel applying for licensure, certification, authorization, renewal, or reinstatement shall remit application processing and license fees as follows.

(a) Fees for licensed personnel		Application	License
1.	Emergency Medical Technician –Basic	\$50.00	\$75.00
2.	Emergency Medical Technican –Basic -IV	\$70.00	\$80.00
3.	Emergency Medical Tech. – Paramedic	\$75.00	\$100.00
4.	Emergency Medical Tech. Paramedic Critical Care	N/A	\$75.00

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-140-504, 68-140-506, 68-39-508, and 68-140-517.

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I certify this is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the Division of Emergency Medical Services.

Joseph B. Phillips, Director
Emergency Medical Services

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My commission expires on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

The notice of rulemaking set out herein was properly filed in the Department of State on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Riley C. Darnell
Secretary Of State

By: _____

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